

## MADISON COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Februaru 14, 2012

Present: Bonnie Bass, Joyce Kooker, Connie Jackson, Deb Schrader, Pete Skerik, Amy Kimball, Sarah Anker, Joy Rouse, Jodene DeVault, Bonnie Forsythe, and Kristin Fairholm.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bonnie Bass. Introductions were given by those present.

The minutes of the December meeting were available and were approved as written.

Joy Rouse of SU Extention office gave everyone a bookmark.

Jodene DeVault spoke on the DECAT money given to Madison, Warren, and Marion counties to be spread over the three counties. The total amount was \$3000. Jodene wanted to set up a "necessity pantry" with items each county needed for their residents. Some of the needs mentioned in addition to food were car seats and transportation to medical appointments.

Jodene stated that Warren County supervisors had agreed to match the money for their county and challenged other supervisors to match for their counties. It was decided to ask Brandi Ransom from Public Health along with Kelley Skerik of CRISP and Annie Withers of the Multi-Purpose Center to help identify those who were 300% of poverty rate or poorer or on Medicaid and to help facilitate the program.

It was mentioned that Hawki funds need to be spent before the end of June. Education programs that provide points was one avenue. Also Great Beginnings would start on March 22, 2012 in Madison County.

Pre-school dental screenings were set up for March 6, 2012. Physicals would not be a part of that as it was decided that patients need to keep their medical homes.

Pre-school scholarship applications were ready to go pending funding and were available on the Extention websites.

Sarah Anker reported that her transition to Partners in Family Development was going smoothly for the families. Some families were lost, but most continued. Sarah's office kept the same phone number to help with the transition. This change in providers was necessary for the 4R Kids board after Family Directions of Iowa board terminated their support of the programs provided by Family Directions of Iowa.

Amy Kimball reported on the Women's Giving Circle that was just started. Each member donates \$50 per quarter to be given without strings attached to a government program for women and children. The possibility of other Madison County groups also donating was mentioned.

Deb Schrader told of a bill, HF 2216, working through the Legislature that would provide 10 million dollars for Early Childhood if approved.

The meeting was adjourned.